

March 14, 1975

SENATOR CLARK: I move for the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB67, record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays and 23 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I would move for the advancement of LB67 to E & R initial. I think that I have explained the bill.

PRESIDENT: The question is the advancement of LB67 as amended, record your votes. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays and 24 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The bill as amended is advanced. Mr. Clerk LB24.

CLERK: Read LB24

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I move that LB24 be advanced to E & R initial and...this is a bill that has had some publicity. This bill also had a lot of people testify in favor of it and I'm sure that they would have had to cut the testimony because what it does, it allows the children in the state of Nebraska a different method and a different age for receiving a drivers license. What it does is to say the age at receiving a drivers license will be 18 unless, unless you take a drivers education course. At that time you can get a drivers license at age 16. That is really all that it does. Now, I think that the body should note that there are several things, and somebody might say what are we doing here, but I think that we have to realize that about 85-90% of the kids of the state of Nebraska have already taken this Drivers Education course. Some of the people that testified gave us some real valuable statistics. Mr. Bruce Whitaker from the Nebraska Safety Council compiled some data from the Nebraska 1963 statistics. The accident rate of the 16 and 17 year olds without drivers education without drivers education, is three times greater than the young people that have taken the drivers education course. The injury accident rate from the same as above is about 2 times greater and the fatality rate for the same is about 2 times greater. I think that the body should pay particular attention to the people who testified in favor of the bill in the committee report. I think that it is a good program that the Department of Education has got going and I might answer a couple of questions before they come out. There are two schools in the state of Nebraska out of all of them that do not have the drivers education program. I'll look up the names of those two schools but they include 44 students in the north state line and 44 students in a school on the south state line. Everybody else offers the course and everybody else has the course available to them. There is a course available in this area, in these two areas where these young people don't have the drivers education course. I want to remind you again that there is only 2 schools in the state of Nebraska that do not have it. If anybody wants to know where they are, I